BUILDING ENERGY SIMULATION

For Users of EnergyPlus, SPARK, DOE-2, BLAST, Genopt, Building Design Advisor, ENERGY-10 and their Derivatives

What's New?

....EnergyPlus

You may download EnergyPlus (version 1.0.0) by visiting our web site (http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov) and clicking on "EnergyPlus 1.0" in the left-hand menu. Version 1.0.1 is scheduled for release in January 2002. It will have many new features. including window blinds, system auto-sizing, air-to-air heat pump and zone multipliers.

.....New! 1,000-Zone DOE-2

DOE-2.1E modifications that allow users to model up to 1,000 zones have been sent to the Energy Science and Technology Software Center.

Please contact Ed Kidd or Walt Kelly.

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The DOE-2.1E BDL Summary has been updated to reflect the new limits on zones and other components (see p. 2).

.....Download DOE-2.1E Basics

Dr. Sam C. M. Hui, head of the DOE-2 Resource Center in Hong Kong, has broken down the DOE-2.1E Basics Manual into pdf files and scanned them onto a CD. He offered it to us so that we may allow other DOE-2 users to download the files freely. Go to our web site at http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov and click on "Documentation" under DOE-2 in the left menu, then click on the link to DOE-2.1E Basics. Alternatively, you may email us (klellington@lbl.gov) and request the CD via regular mail.

....HVAC Continuing Education

The University of Washington at Seattle is presenting Air Conditioning Design (Jan 15). You may register online at www.engr.washington.edu/epp/

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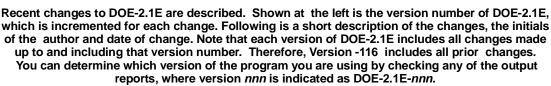
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Changes to DOE-2.1E





-115: bdl [change the BDL macro capability]

Don't show the line containing ##list statement, when the ##list statement is turning on the listing that was previously off. [EE 2001.06.10]

-116: bdl dkey lds sys sim [1000-zone version of DOE-2.1E]

[EE 2001.09.30]

The limits of the following commands have been increased:

Command Name	old limit	new limit
BUILDING-SHADE	64	128
CONSTRUCTION	128	256
CURVE-FIT	100	200
DAY-SCHEDULE (Loads and Systems)	300	1025
DOOR	64	1024
EXTERIOR-WALL or -ROOF	2048	4096
FIXED-SHADE	33	100
GLASS-TYPE	32	48
HOURLY-REPORT (Loads and Systems)	16	32
INTERIOR-WALL	2048	3048
LAYERS	64	256
MATERIAL	128	1024
PARAMETER	50	100
PLANT-ASSIGNMENT	4	8
POLYGON	5000	8192
REPORT-BLOCK	64	128
SCHEDULE (Loads and Systems)	100	513
SET-DEFAULT (Loads and Systems)	100	300
SPACE	128	1024
SPACE-CONDITIONS	50	1024
SYSTEM	128	256
UNDERGROUND-WALL or -FLOOR	64	256
WEEK-SCHEDULE (Loads and Systems)	200	751
WINDOW	2048	8192
ZONE	128	1024
ZONE-AIR	50	1024
ZONE-CONTROL	50	1024
ZONE-FANS	50	1024

Note: new pages for the DOE-2.1E BDL Summary have been created. They are available as pdf files from our web site.

Go to
SimulationResearch.lbl.gov
> DOE-2
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> Update #4



EnergyPlus Version 1.0.0

To download a free copy of the program go to

http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/energy_tools/energyplus



Join the EnergyPlus User Group

The developers of EnergyPlus have formed a support group in order to foster discussion and maintain an archive of information for program Users. We invite questions about program usage and suggestions for improvement to the code. This group is not meant to replace the primary support at EnergyPlus-Support@GARD.com.

The main page: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EnergyPlus_Support

Send messages to: EnergyPlus_Support@yahoogroups.com
Files on the web site include: SetEPlus.exe -- the usual install file
Readme.pdf -- updated readme file

V1ReleaseSource.zip -- zip of the current source code -- will be updated soon!

Energy+.idd -- unbundled Data Dictionary

SetEPlusPatch01.exe -- the patch install. Includes updated EnergyPlus.exe,

documentation, etc. but no new input files (input files did not change).

For more information on EnergyPlus go to

http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/energy_tools/energyplus

EnergyPlus is being developed by University of Illinois, CERL, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, with the assistance of the Florida Solar Energy Center, GARD Analytics, the University of Wisconsin, Oklahoma State University and others.



Join the BLDG-SIM Mail ing List

BLDG-SIM is a mailing list for users of building energy simulation programs like EnergyPlus, DOE-2, Trace-600, HAP, BLAST, ESP, SERIRES, TRNSYS, TASE, ENERGY-10 and others.

Because building simulation professionals are located worldwide,

the BLDG-SIM list is an attempt to foster the development of a community of those users.

Users of all levels of expertise are welcome and are encouraged to share their questions and insights about these programs.

The web page for BLDG-SIM is http://www.gard.com/bldg-sim.htm



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New in GenOpt 1.1 are an additional algorithm for multi-dimensional optimization, algorithms for one-dimensional optimization, and an algorithm for parametric runs in a multi-dimensional space. The new version allows

processing of multiple function values and has an improved graphical user interface.

GenOpt is a multi-parameter optimization program, available free of charge from LBNL. It automatically finds the values of user-selected design parameters that minimize an *objective function*, such as annual energy use, calculated by an external simulation program like EnergyPlus, SPARK, DOE-2, BLAST, TRACE, TRNSYS, etc. GenOpt can be used with any simulation program that has text-based input and output. It also offers an interface for adding custom optimization algorithms to its library.

Genopt 1.1 (with user manual) may be downloaded free of charge from

http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > GenOpt



VisualSPARK



Version 1.0

Available from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, VisualSPARK 1.0 allows you to build customized models of complex physical processes by connecting calculation objects. It is aimed at the simulation of innovative and/or complex building systems that are beyond the scope of programs like DOE-2 and EnergyPlus.

The main elements of VisualSPARK are a **user interface**, a **network specification language**, a **solver** for solving simultaneous algebraic and differential equations, and a **results processor**. With the network specification language you create equation-based calculation objects, and link the objects into networks that represent a building's envelope or HVAC components or systems. The solver solves this network for user-specified input parameters. With the results processor you graphically display the results of the calculation. VisualSPARK runs under the Windows 95/98/NT/2000, SunOS, Solaris, Linux and HPUNIX operating systems.

VisualSPARK costs \$250. To purchase the program, go to http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > VisualSPARK > Purchase

If you would like to get an idea of what the program does before purchasing it, you can review the SPARK User's Manual, which can be downloaded from http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > SPARK

VisualSPARK was developed by the LBNL Simulation Research Group and Ayres Sowell Associates, with support from the U.S. Department of Energy, Drury Crawley, program manager

http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > SPARK



PC Version of DOE-2.1E from ESTSC

DOE-2.1E (version 110) for Windows is an updated version of DOE-2. Cost is as follows:

\$ 300 U.S. Government, non-profit Educational

\$ 575 U.S., Mexico, Canada

\$ 1075 Other Foreign

DOE-2 Documentation on a CD from ESTSC - Cost US\$100

What is included on the CD?

- DOE-2 Reference Manual (Part 1)
- DOE-2 Reference Manual (Part 2)
- DOE-2 BDL Summary (2.1E)
- DOE-2 Engineers Manual (2.1A)
- DOE-2 Supplement to the Reference Manual (2.1E)

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Free DOE-2 Documentation

- DOE-2 Basics (2.1E)
- Update Package #1: Affects DOE-2.1E Basics, the Supplement and BDL Summary
- Update Package #2: (Version 107, DOE-2.1E)
 Affects the BDL Summary and Supplement.
- Update Package #3: Corrections to Appendix A of the Supplement.
- Update Package #4: (1000-zone DOE-2.1E)
 Updates to the BDL Summary.

DOE-2 Basics Manual and Update Packages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are not on the ESTSC CD. They consist of scanned pdf files and may be downloaded from our web site. You may also request a CD (email to klellington@lbl.gov).

The files need to be printed and pages inserted into your existing DOE-2 manuals.

Note that Update Packages are **not** cumulative and each one contains different information. You have to download all four packages to update the DOE-2 documentation completely.

Purchase DOE-2 Documentation

DOE-2 Sample Run Book (2.1E) -- The Sample Run book is the only remaining DOE-2 manual not available electronically. It must be purchased separately from NTIS; information is at http://SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > DOE-2 > Documentation

DOE-2 Help Desk

Contact the Simulation Research Group with your questions (email preferred) email: klellington@lbl.gov, Phone: (510) 486-5711, Fax: (510) 486-4089

Building Design Advisor 2.0

Decision making through the integrated use of multiple simulation tools and databases

The **Building Design Advisor (BDA)** is a Windows[®] program that addresses the needs of building decision-makers from the initial, schematic phases of building design through the detailed specification of building components and systems. The BDA is built around an object-oriented representation of the building and its context, which is mapped onto the corresponding representations of multiple tools and databases. It then acts as a *data manager* and *process controller*, automatically preparing input to simulation tools and integrating their output in ways that support multi-criterion decision-making. Version 3.0 of the BDA is now available for Beta testing and includes links to three main simulation tools for daylighting, electric lighting and energy analyses:

- **DCM**, a simplified daylighting simulation tool,
- ECM, a simplified electric lighting simulation tool, and
- the DOE-2.1E building energy simulation program.

ECM, the **new electric lighting simulation tool** in BDA 3.0 beta, is integrated through BDA with DOE-2. BDA's Schematic Graphic Editor allows placement of electric lighting luminaires and specification of reference points for daylight-based electric lighting controls. Moreover, BDA now has the capability of **running DOE-2 parametrically** to generate a plot that shows the relationship between effective aperture and energy requirements. BDA 3.0 beta provides the added functionality of working with either **English units or Metric units**.

Current research and development efforts are focused on the development of links to **Desktop Radiance**, a Windows 95/98/NT version of the **Radiance** lighting/daylighting simulation and rendering software.

The minimum and recommended system **requirements** to run the BDA software are as follows:

Minimum

Pentium 75

Recommended

Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0.

Pentium 200 or better. Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0.

16 / 32MB RAM under Windows 95

24 / 64MB RAM under Windows NT 4.0.

30 MB of larger hard disk space.

60 MB of larger hard disk space.

640x480 or higher screen resolution.

1024x768 or higher screen resolution.

The BDA source code is available for licensing; if interested, please contact Dr. Papamichael at K_Papamichael@lbl.gov.

To learn more about the BDA software and to download a copy of the latest public version (BDA 2.0), please visit http://gaia.lbl.gov/BDA



For Beta Testing of BDA 3.0, please contact Vineeta Pal at VPal@lbl.gov.



Software Available from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Free Downloads				
BDA 2.0 (Building Design Advisor) beta version of 3.0 is also available from vpal@lbl.gov	gaia.lbl.gov/bda/index.html			
COMIS (multi-zone air flow and contaminant transport model)	www-epb.lbl.gov/comis			
EnergyPlus 1.0 (new-generation whole-building energy analysis program, based on BLAST and DOE-2)	SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > EnergyPlus			
GenOpt®1.1 (generic optimization program)	SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > GenOpt			
RADIANCE (analysis and visualization of lighting in design)	radsite.lbl.gov/radiance/			
Desktop Radiance (integrates the Radiance Synthetic Imaging System with AutoCAD Release 14)	radsite.lbl.gov/deskrad/			
RESEM (Retrofit Energy Savings Estimation Model) (calculates long-term energy savings directly from actual utility data)	eetd.lbl.gov/btp/resem.htm			
SUPERLITE (calculates illuminance distribution for room geometries)	eetd.lbl.gov/btp/superlite20.html			
THERM 2.1a (model two-dimensional heat-transfer effects in building components where thermal bridges are of concern)	windows.lbl.gov/software/therm/therm.html			
WINDOW 5 Beta (thermal analysis of window products)	windows.lbl.gov/software/window/ window.html			
Request by Fax from 510.486.4089				
RESFEN 3.1 (choose energy-efficient, cost-effective windows for a given residential application)	windows.lbl.gov/software/resfen/resfen.html			
Web Based				
Home Energy Saver (quickly compute home energy use)	hes.lbl.gov			
Purchase				
VisualSPARK (Simulation Problem Analysis and Research Kernel) (build simulations of innovative building envelope and HVAC systems by connecting component models)	For Windows, SUN, Linux, go to SimulationResearch.lbl.gov > SPARK			
ADELINE 2.0 (daylighting performance in complex spaces)	radsite.lbl.gov/adeline/			

BLAST*news*

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The **Building Loads Analysis and System Thermodynamics (BLAST** program predicts energy consumption, energy system performance and cost for new or existing (pre-retrofit) buildings.

BLAST contains three major sub-programs:

- Space Load Prediction computes hourly space loads in a building based on weather data and user inputs detailing the building construction and operation.
- Air Distribution System Simulation uses the computed space loads, weather data, and user inputs.
- Central Plant Simulation computes monthly and annual fuel and electrical power consumption.

Heat Balance Loads Calculator (HBLC)

The BLAST graphical interface (HBLC) is a Windows-based interactive program for producing

BLAST input files. You can download a demo version of HBLC (for MS Windows) from the BLAST web site (User manual included).

HBLC/BLAST Training Courses

Experience with the HBLC and the BLAST family of programs has shown that new users can benefit from a session of structured training with the software. The Building Systems Laboratory offers such training courses on an as needed basis typically at our offices in Urbana, Illinois.

WINLCCID 98

LCCID (Life Cycle Cost in Design) was developed to perform Life Cycle Cost Analyses (LCCA) for the Department of Defense and their contractors.



To order BLAST-related products, contact the Building Systems Laboratory at the address above.				
Program Name	Order Number	Price		
PC BLAST Includes: BLAST, HBLC, BTEXT, WIFE, CHILLER, Report Writer, Report Writer File Generator, Comfort Report program, Weather File Reporting Program, Control Profile Macros for Lotus or Symphony, and the Design Week Program. The package is on a single CD-ROM and includes soft copies of the BLAST Manual, 65 technical articles and theses related to BLAST, nearly 400 processed weather files with a browsing engine, and complete source code for BLAST, HBLC, etc. Requires an IBM PC 486/Pentium II or compatible running MS Windows 95/98/NT.	3B486E3-0898	\$1500		
PC BLAST Package Upgrade from level 295+	4B486E3-0898	\$450		
WINLCCID 98: executable version for 386/486/Pentium	3LCC3-0898	\$295		
WINLCCID 98: update from WINLCCID 97	4LCC3-0898	\$195		

The last four digits of the catalog number indicate the month and year the item was released or published. This will enable you to see if you have the most recent version. All software will be shipped on 3.5" high density floppy disks unless noted otherwise.





PG&E Fall 2001 Programs

To register call 415.973.7268 or go to www.pge.com/pec

HVAC

November 28 (Wed)
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Pecember 12 (Wed)
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cool Thermal Storage
Thermal storage design issues, control strategies and the impact of revised rate structures; manufacturers' exposition follows the seminar.

ARCHITECTURE

November 13 (Tue)
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Daylighting Large Retail and Warehouse Facilities
Daylighting in "big box" buildings.

WHOLE-BUILDING PERFORMANCE

November 15 (Thu)
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Basic program of energy auditing techniques, tools and software.

Correct Field Implementation of Energy Efficient Designs
Part 1: Design Details -- How to provide good design details within construction documents to reduce building problems and save money.

Correct Field Implementation of Energy Efficient Designs

Correct Field Implementation of Energy Efficient Designs

Part 2: Design Review -- How to provide good design details within construction documents to reduce building problems and save money.

LIGHTING

December 13 (Thu)
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Design and Commissioning of Lighting Controls
Making sure lighting controls function as intended after installation.

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You are invited to test **DoeRayMe**, a new DOE-2.1E screening tool application currently being developed by Jason Glazer, P. E., of GARD Analytics, Inc. **DoeRayMe** is a simple and flexible interface that uses a specially developed DOE-2 input file (template) that contains special codes describing the parameters available to



be changed in the user interface. This allows new screening tools to be developed by any DOE-2 user. Please visit the **DoeRayMe** web site at http://www.gard.com/DoeRayMe.

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Recent Reports

These reports are available) from the Florida Solar Energy Center at http://www.fsec.ucf.edu/Bldg/pubsonline.htm#pubs.

Energy-Efficient Design for Florida Educational Facilities

Project Team

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Abstract

This document provides a detailed simulation analysis of a variety of energy conservation measures (ECMs) with the intent of giving design teams a basis for decision making. Designers are advised to aim for the lowest consumption building economically possible and to target the major energy users, lighting and air conditioning, to achieve that goal. Reductions in energy cost (\$) is provided for comparing relative performance of ECMs. Simple payback of ECMs appears in a chart in each section's Overview. Life cycle cost savings are in the Conclusions section. (DOE-2)

Measured Impact of Advanced Windows on Cooling

Michael T. Anello, Danny S. Parker, John R. Sherwin, Katie Richards

Abstract

A significant portion of Florida's residential building stock consists of single-family homes with clear, single-pane, aluminum frame windows. Such windows can lead to considerable heat gain during the hot Florida summer. A side-by-side field test in two identical homes was conducted to evaluate the impact of high performance windows on space cooling demand under realistic conditions. (*EnergyGauge and DOE-2*)



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Lights ... !! Camera! ... !! HVAC ??

The Consumer Energy Center of the California Energy Commission has started an ambitious project; they have created training videos for building energy professionals. Four videos have been made to date with more to be added in the near future. Those available for immediate viewing are HVAC (ductwork), Insulation, Cool Roofs and Radiant Barriers. The videos take the form of informal discussions between two professionals, demystifying and discussing the subject matter. Even though their emphasis is on residential and small buildings, the web site is worth exploring, go to:.

http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/homeandwork/index.html

ENERGY-10, Version 1.3 with WeatherMaker

Version 1.3 of ENERGY-10 is now available. It includes the much-anticipated **WeatherMaker** function. WeatherMaker allows users to create their own weather files based on information available from nearly 4,000 weather stations throughout the U.S. Revisions to the program itself include some minor fixes, an improved and expanded Help section, and greater clarity in titling and identification of various sections. Contact the Sustainable Buildings Industries Council for more information, or to order your upgrade disc (the cost is \$15, which covers production and shipping).

ENERGY-10, written in C⁺⁺, is a design tool for smaller residential or commercial buildings that are less than 10,000 ft² floor area, or buildings that can be treated as one- or two-zone increments. It performs whole-building energy analysis for 8760 hours/year, including dynamic thermal and daylighting calculations. ENERGY-10 was specifically designed to facilitate the evaluation of energy-efficient building features in the very early stages of the design process.

Input: Only four inputs required to generate two initial generic building descriptions. Virtually everything

is defaulted but modifiable. As the design evolves, the user adjusts descriptions using fill-in menus

(utility-rate schedules, construction details, materials).

Output: Summary table and 20 graphical outputs available, generally comparing current design with base

case. Detailed tabular results also available.

Platform: PC-compatible, Windows 3.1/95/98, Pentium processor with 16 MB of RAM is recommended.

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DOE-2 Training

Private or group DOE-2 courses for beginning and advanced users: Phone Marlin Addison at (602) 968-2040, or send email to marlin.addison@doe2.com

World Wide Web Sites for



Building Energy Efficiency

www.cbe.berkeley.edu/underfloorair/Default.htm

Underfloor air distribution: research results, FAQs, links and more from the Center for the Built Environment at the University of California (Berkeley)

www.coe.berkeley.edu/labnotes/index.html

Lab Notes: newsletter reporting on the research from the College of Engineering at the University of California (Berkeley)

DesiCalc 2.0

Overview

DesiCalc allows you to do quick accurate screening evaluations of desiccant dehumidification applications. Using DOE-2.1E for accurate flexible simulations and a library of common applications, energy professionals have been using DesiCalc since 1998. Working from customer suggestions, the program has been expanded to DesiCalc 2, with the following new features.

New Applications

Full-Service Restaurant Industrial Building

New Building Description Features

User can modify building geometry

Control of multiple zones/areas

User control of building construction from a pre-packaged library

Drawings of building floor plans

New Internal Loads and Controls Features

User inputs for gas equipment and refrigeration loads

User control of latent and exhaust fraction for gas and electric loads

Separate schedules for gas and electric equipment

User control of school schedule for summer period

User can set humidity control by zone for multiple zone applications

New HVAC Features

Variable-air-volume option available

User control of cold deck temperature

Outside air options (nursing homes)

Improved handling of corridor outside air to provide better humidity report

User control of desiccant pre-cooling coil

User control of desiccant regeneration energy source - gas or electric

User control - heat/reheat efficiency

New Output Features

Humidity plots for multiple zones

Report hours humidity exceeds comfort set point by zone

Go-to-next-back feature

File name, time run, time print stamp on output reports

New short report for multiple zones

Improved reporting of building and equipment details

Reporting of supply and outside air

Gas and electric costs reported by end-use

Improved help module with new graphics Manual on CD

Technical Support

Technical support is available by telephone at:

Toll Free for North America 877-DESICALC (877-337-4225)

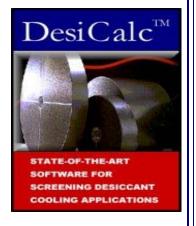
Outside North America 847-698-3322

Purchase DesiCalc 2.0 for US\$295 plus shipping and handling

Upgrade to DesiCalc 2.0 for US\$40 plus shipping and handling

(Your old DesiCalc software disk must be sent to receive the upgrade price)

Desiccant Screening Software



www.desicalc.com